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THE BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE IS INQUIRING INTO THE DETENTION IN THE HONOLULU POLICE STATION OF KENNETH HARPER, A BRITISH SUBJECT, BEING DEPORTED FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

WELLINGTON, January 21.—Premier Richard Seddon has been advised that the Foreign Office has communicated with the British Consul at Honolulu respecting the case of Kenneth Harper, who was refused permission to land at San Francisco on account of the American immigration laws.

The case of Harper has particular interest in Honolulu as it was in this city that a breach of international courtesy was alleged to have been committed. It appears that Mr. Harper went on the S. Sonoma last November to San Francisco from Auckland. He had been assured a position in a bank in San Francisco. When questioned by the American immigration authorities, he admitted that he had come under an agreement to enter the employ of the bank. The authorities decided that to admit him would be a violation of the contract labor laws, so he was ordered deported on the Sonoma.

The vessel arrived in Honolulu on the return trip November 25 with Harper in custody as a deported passenger. While the vessel was in Honolulu Harper was taken from the steamer to the police station for the purpose of detaining him until the vessel was ready to sail. He was kept at the station a short time and then returned to the vessel and taken back to Auckland. It

appears that Harper's advisers in Auckland told him that the action in taking him from the steamer and confining him in the police station was in violation of the immigration laws. This law provides that a deported person shall be kept aboard the vessel and says nothing about the deport being sent to any prison or other place of detention during the course of the return voyage.

The matter was referred to British Consul Hoare at this place by the British Foreign Office. He was requested to investigate the matter. Mr. Hoare did so and forwarded a report to the Foreign Office. He declined however to make public any of the contents of his report. An apology may be offered Mr. Harper if it be ascertained that he was improperly detained in the local prison. It has several times occurred in the case of vessels with reports to the Colonies that the people have been sent to the local police station while the vessel has been in port, so as to prevent the danger of any of the deportees escaping. Such an idea was evidently in the mind of the steamer people in the case of Harper. If indeed he was improperly detained.

There is an intimation that Harper may have a suit for damages for false imprisonment for his detention in the police station, either against the steamship company or the High Sheriff or both.

THIBETANS RESENT BRITISH INVASION.

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

CALCUTTA, Jan. 21.—It is stated here that the Tibetans may appeal to Russia to check the British advance into Tibet. The expedition left recently under command of Colonel Younghusband. Assurances were made that the expedition was not of a warlike character and was entirely on a mission of peace.

ROBBERS GET THE SAFE.

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 21.—Wells, Fargo & Company's safe was thrown off the Los Angeles train last night at the command of armed robbers. The robbery occurred in the mountains of San Luis Obispo. The robbers escaped with the contents of the safe. What the contents were has not been given out.

STRIKE MAD MULLAH BAD BLOW.

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

ADEN, Jan. 21.—The Somali forces who have been the allies of the British in the struggle with the Mad Mullah, met the Mad Mullah's forces this week and defeated them. A loss of 50 men killed was inflicted. The Somalis captured 3,000 camels and thousands of sheep from the Mad Mullah's forces.

THREE MILLION DOLLAR FIRE.

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

SHELBY, Ohio, Jan. 21.—A large fire occurred today in the tube works of the United States Steel Corporation. The damage is estimated at three million dollars, and the works are seriously crippled.

SAILING OF THE MOANA.

T. D. Davies and Company local agents of the Canadian-Australian S. S. Company have been advised that the S. S. Moana would sail January 29 from Vancouver bound for Honolulu, Suva, Brisbane and Sydney. She is due here February 6.

CANADIAN MAIL SUBSIDY.

MELBOURNE, November 30.—An order in Council has been passed approving of an extension of the existing mail service between Sydney and Vancouver for two years, from May 1 last. Three

steamers will be engaged on the service and the present subsidy of \$44,000 per annum will be supplemented by an additional payment of \$16,000 by the contracting countries, Australia, Canada and Fiji.

REHEARING ASKED.

The Supreme court this morning heard the motion for a rehearing of the case of Ewa and Oahu plantations against the Oahu Railway and Land Company, Judge de Bolt sitting with Galbraith and Perry.

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Hockey---Without Ice---To Be Introduced In Honolulu



Hockey, which is an old, old game, almost forgotten in the development of other similar games, has had a great revival, on the mainland, both as played on ice and without. When Miss Bacon of the Y. W. C. A. was at Harvard last summer, she saw it played a great deal, and determined to introduce it in Hawaii. The first practice game of the Y. W. C. A. will be played next Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the Kamehameha school grounds. The game, played on ice is just now in great vogue in the East and Middle West, as well as in Canada. In many cities rinks have been constructed, almost solely to afford opportunity for the game. The periodicals devoted to athletics and the sporting columns of the daily papers, devote a good deal of space to the game. The illustration given above is of a game of Hockey in progress on the ice, skill in skating being one of the necessary requirements for excellence in the game when thus played. The only kind of skates ever seen in this tropic land are not suited to excellence in this game. Hence it will be played here without skates. The game will be remembered by many of the older generation as the one in which the expression, "Shimmy on your own side," is so frequently used.

THE FEDERAL OFFICE TABU

SPECULATION AS TO WHETHER THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT FEDERAL OFFICIALS ARE BARRED FROM THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN CONVENTION IS NEARLY A TEXAS STEER OR THE REAL THING.

Much discussion among local politicians has been caused by a dispatch of several days ago from San Antonio, stating that Republican leaders had decided that federal employees could not go to the Republican National convention. As at least two federal employees here—Governor Carter and District Attorney Breckons—have been prominently mentioned as delegates to the convention from Hawaii, and it is desired to know whether the Texas dispatch has any general application.

It is thought by most that the telegram from San Antonio refers only to a decision arrived at by a local or

possibly state gathering of Republicans. On the other hand there is believed to be a strong probability that President Roosevelt will express his approval of the idea and make it general, as most of the federal employees are his own appointees or subject to his reappointment, and the idea of their voting on his nomination might be regarded as politically objectionable.

Governor Carter is anxious to go to the convention and will do so if no obstacle presents itself. Numerous governors of states will attend as delegates, but none of them hold appointive positions like the governor of a Territory.

Another Large Loan Contract Ready

Superintendent Holloway has approved plans and will call for bids at once on another important loan bill contract. This will be the construction of a new wharf where Brewer's wharf now is and improvement of Irigard wharf, to be followed by construction of a new Sorenson's wharf. Wilder's Steamship Company is to move from its present wharves to Brewer's wharf, where sheds and wharf room for all its fleet will be provided.

The plans call for the removal of the present Brewer's wharf altogether, though some of the material, especially piles, may be of use in building the new wharf. The new wharf is to be 110 feet wide, 360 feet long on the Ewa side and 300 feet long on the other side. It will be in every way a solid first class piece of wharf building.

At the mauka corners will be the offices of the steamship company, in a two-story building. Ticket offices, baggage rooms, etc., will occupy the lower floor, while above will be fourteen rooms for the accommodation of captains, engineers, mates and other employees of the company. On the wharf will be a shed 50 feet wide, extending nearly the length of the shed, or 280 feet, built on the same general architectural lines as the new Oceanic sheds. It will be a closed shed, and the entrance to the wharf

from Queen street will be by two rolling doors which may be closed, so that freight may be stored in the sheds with safety.

Irigard wharf will be generally overhauled and improved and will also be for the use of the Wilder steamers. The adjoining wharf, known as Sorenson's will be for foreign vessels. Those having cargoes which are to be transhipped on island steamers may thus leave them close at hand for reshipment.

It is estimated that the cost of the new Brewer's wharf and shed will be from thirty to forty thousand dollars. The money is to come from the general loan appropriation of \$300,000 for reorganization of the wharf system, and is immediately available. A clause in the contract to be given to the successful bidder provides that the work must be done within three months after the arrival of the material on the ground. It is estimated that it will take a couple of months to get the material here.

The removal of the Wilder Steamship business from Kinohi and Like-like wharves will leave those wharves ready for the general plan of improvements at the Waikiki end of the harbor. It is proposed to put in large, deep wharves here, for foreign steamers. Island business goes farther inside.

THE LIGHTHOUSES

Captain Niblack local inspector of lighthouses was booked to depart for Hilo by the last Kinohi but owing to a delay in the receipt of orders and the fact that the Territorial government is conducting the lighthouse system for this month, he deferred his trip. It will be necessary for Captain Niblack to visit all of the lighthouses of these islands and also inspect all of the buoys that are under government control.

After the light house system will have been gotten under the control of the Federal government it will be necessary for the local inspector to issue an

official list of all the lights and buoys in the islands. Such a list can be issued only after personal inspection. It was with a view to making part of this inspection that Captain Niblack had planned to visit Hilo last week. That trip has been postponed. He will probably sail on February 2 by the steamer Mauna Loa.

All of the light houses will be inspected by Captain Niblack. He will have to visit every island in the group. Arrangements may be made with the various steamship companies whereby the steamer will stop at various points desired so as to convey the inspector about the islands and facilitate his tour of inspection. Further advices are expected by the S. S. Coptic which is due from San Francisco.

NO WAR SAYS LANSDOWNE

BRITISH SECRETARY FOR WAR, WHO RECENTLY PREDICTED A CONFLICT IN THE FAR EAST, NOW SAYS HE THINKS THERE WILL BE PEACE—BELIEVES PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS WILL SUCCEED.

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—Lord Lansdowne has stated that in view of recent developments between Japan and Russia he does not think there will be war. Lansdowne believes that the present negotiations will lead to a peaceful settlement of the matters at issue.

Australia's New Ruler Arrives At Melbourne

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

MELBOURNE, Jan. 21.—Governor-General Northcote, who was recently appointed to succeed Lord Hopetown as the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, arrived here today from England. His arrival was the occasion of an immense demonstration.

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